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Press Group Expels Rev. Kinsolving for S. Africa Payments

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The Rev. Lester Kinsolving, an Episcopal priest and Washington journalist, was voted out of the State Department Correspondents Association yesterday for accepting payments from the South African government.

The association of American and foreign correspondents who cover the State Department voted that Kinsolving had violated association rules by accepting U.S. stock shares from South African agents in the United States in return for publicly supporting the South African government at corporate meetings where its racial separation policies were under fire.

The vote to oust Kinsolving was 9 to 6. The association has approximately 350 members.

Kinsolving writes a column distributed by the McNaught Syndicate, and also reports for radio station WAVA in Arlington.

His ouster does not mean that he will lose his credentials to cover the State Department or be barred from the daily State Department briefing. He earlier said he would take any negative action by the association to the courts.

Kinsolving is also being investigated by the Standing Committee of Correspondents of the Senate Press Gallery.

CBS News correspondent Marvin Kalb, a former president of the association, resigned in protest after Kinsolving's expulsion. The group acted improperly and "cannot play God," he maintained in a letter to the association's president, NBC news correspondent Richard Valeriani.

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